A VIEVV

of ſundry Examples.

Reporting many ſtraunge *murthers, ſundry perſons periu-*red, Signes and tokens of Gods anger towards vs. What ſtraunge and monſtrous Children haue of late beene borne:

And all memorable murthers ſince the murther of Maiſter *Saunders* by *George Brovvne*, to this preſent and bloody murther of *Abell Bourne* Hoſyer, who dwelled in Newgate Market. 1580.

Alſo a ſhort diſcourſe of the late Earthquake the ſixt of Aprill. Gathered by A. M.

Honos alit Artes.

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TO THE WORSHIP-full Maiſter *VVilliam Waters*, and *Maiſter* George Baker, *Gentlemen*,

attendaunt on the Right Honourable, his ſinguler good Lord and Maiſter, the Earle of *Oxenford*.

A. M. vviſheth vvhat happines in this life is to be gained, and in the life to come, an immortall Crovvne of glorie.

THe Souldier hauing once ventured, and tryed the fauoring of Fortune in bloody fight among his enemies (ſpeeding well) hazardeth his hap the bolder the ſecõd time. The Merchaunt making one lucky voyage: preſumeth on the next with greater affectiõ. So I (worſhipfull and my approoued freendes) hauing once found freendly entertainement, to my booke receiued: am the more encouraged to preſent this alſo, referring the good meaning and freendly affection of the Author, to your diſcretions conſtrued at leyſure. I know that in gathering theſe reports, I ſhall offend the curious eares of ſome daintie deuiſers: and I conſider againe that the wiſe will allowe my labours to good end, ſo that pleaſing your Woorſhips, and the mindes of other well diſpoſed perſons: I ſhall thinke my labours well beſtowed, and my time not ill ſpent. *Cicero* I remember, reporteth, how there appeared vnto *Hercules*, two Maidens, the one attired baſe and ſimple, the other decked in ſundry ſutes of very gor- Cicero. li. 1. Officio.

gious

A proper diſcourſe of the choyſe of Hercules.

gious and gallant apparell, promiſing eche of them ſuch rewards as their habillitie might ſuffer them to beſtowe: if according to their mindes he made his choyſe. Fyrſt quoth ſhe ſo ſimply attired.

The ſimple maiden, named Vertue.

If thou chooſe me, conſider what may fall,
thou in this life ſhalt be of wretched ſtate:
And of account thou ſhalt be verie ſmall,
But laſt of all, thou ſhalt prooue fortunate.
Eternall ioy ſo much ſhall vauntage thee:
That thy good Fame then honored ſhalbe.

The braue Maiden, named Vaine Pleaſure.

The other gallant Girle, ſhining like the Sunne, gliſtering in her golde, ſweating in her ſilkes, braue in her beautye, comely in complexion, finely featured according to fancy, euery lim gallantly ioynted, and pounſed vp in her perfuming and odiferous ſmels, ſayde.

Loe heere the golden promiſes that Vaine Pleaſure maketh, to ſuch as are eaſy to be intiſed.

If thou like me, and wilt me make thy wife,
So long as life within thee dooth remaine:
All vvorldly pompe with thee ſhalbe ſo rife,
That none but thou the golden daies ſhall gaine.
Thy riches ſhall aboundantlie exceede:
All thy deſires ſhall graunted be with ſpeede.

Thou in this world ſhalt be of rare renovvne,
and Glorie ſhall attendaunt on thee ſtand:
No labour ſhal once ſeeme to pul thee downe,
But thou ſhalt liue at eaſe vpon the Land.
Hovv ſaiſt thou novv? conſider vvhat theſe be:
Then goe to her, or els come vnto me.

Hercules

Hercules hearing the fine forged eloquence, of this delicate Dame, and how her offers were ſo good that he cared not for them: ran and embraced the ſimpleſt, which he found moſte to his contentation. Heereby (woorſhipfull) what is meant: I knowe you are not ignorant, the ſimpleneſſe of my capacitie, the meaneſſe of my learning, with the lack of eloquence, cauſeth my booke to ſound nothing pleaſaunt to the daintie eare:

Hercules repoſed greater credit in the ſimpler then in the brauer, and therefore he choſe her, & therefore we may heereby ſée that all is not golde that glitereth, nor all are not freends that a-nouche frendſhip.

But as the neweſt Veſſels holde not the ſweeteſt wine, the talleſt tree not the pleaſanteſt fruite, nor the biggeſt Vine the beſt Grapes: So perhaps the largeſt labours, containes not ſuch Methode of matter: as a ſmall volume may ſufficiently vnfolde, nor the moſte learned Preacher edifie not ſo much: as one that profeſſeth leſſe learning.

Euen ſo ſome tymes may bee couched more promptneſſe of wit, and more cunning conueyaunces vnder a plaine Countrey Cap: then perhaps vnder a Hat of Veluet. I ſpeake not this, that your affection ſhould bee euer the more mooued to this ſimple gift, or that you ſhould refuſe larger proffers to prefer ſo meane a trifle: But this I may (vnder correction) boldely ſay, and alſo ſufficiently diſcharge, that the quantitie and quallitie of good wyll, may as well be manifeſted in a ſheete of Paper, as in a Booke of greater eſtimation. For ſurely if his affection be not to that man, or on whom ſo euer he beſtoweth ſo ſmall a preſent: hee will not (you may be ſure) commend to him the greater.

Munera ſunt eſtimãda, non pretio ſuo, ſed animo donantis.

So that by this you will iudge, that I make as much account of my ſheete of Paper: as other doo of a larger volume. I aunſwer, that if I looue my freend a little, and looue him long: it is better then looue him a great deale at the firſt, and neuer a whit after.

Loue me little, and loue me long.

Thinke not hereby (woorſhipfull) that I enuye any way gainſt writers of large and auncient volumes, for thereby I ſhould condemne my ſelfe of meere folly, and diſpleaſe a number that haue delight therin. Only this is my meaning, that this ſmall Pamphlet. I offer with as free good will, as if I could preſent you with a bigger Booke, and that in this little labour, is contained as much affection, and as liberally beſtowed: as any hee whatſoeuer that offreth a greater gift. The poore Widdowes mites pleaſed Chriſte better then the riches that the other offred. And the Cup of of Water preſented to *Zerxes*, was as Princely receiued as a greater preſent: Then am not I in doubt, but that I ſhall like you with this little, & pleaſe you with this poore Pamphlet. If ſo it may chaunce: I haue my choiſe, and if it like you wel, I haue my will. Thus hazarding on your courteſyes, and truſting to your clemencies: with the *Baſoles manos* I bid you farewell hartely.

Luke. 2. 1.

Yours to commaund in *greater affaires, then he mindes to make his boaſt*

Antony Munday.

TO THE COVRTEOVS company of Gentlemen, whose good *will and freendly affection is my* wished desire to obtayne, Greeting.



But that my want of learning, and eloquence to beautifye my stile withall, is so great a blemish to my bolde attempt: I should (courteous Gentlemen) thinke that this my booke would be gratefully accepted. But finding my self nothing acquainted with the one, and farre vnlike to gaine the other. I perswade my selfe, that I were better to showde in silence my simplicitie: then to let it passe beeing nothing woorthy. Yet finding my selfe so greatly bound in duty to your courtesyes so liberally bestowed, I thought (though I were vnhable to requite with the very vttermoste of my power) yet your courtesyes would accept of my good wil sygnifyed any way. And that though I am the simplest (yet synce mightie and puissant Emperours, haue vouchsaued to heare the meane stile of vnlearned Oratours) Gentillitie, adorned with clemencye (though they are vsually frequented with

with the wooꝛks of famous and woꝛthy wꝛiters) they would (if it were but foꝛ pleasures sake) attend the homely note of a Countrey Coridon, and among the rest be content to heare so rude a Chaos as I. Thus leauing at large your courtesyes to conster my good intent, and to reward as shall like you best, prayng foꝛ your continuall prosperitie: to God I commend ye.

Your affectioned freend

A. Munday, Seruaunt to the right Honorable, the Earle of *Oxenford*.

¶ *To the Reader.*

GOod Reader suffise thee,
with this my good will:
Till I may deuise thee,
things woorthy of skill.
If thou doo content thee,
with this my poore wish:
Ere long shalbe sent thee,
a Delicate Dish.
Where thou shalt haue plentye,
fine toyes for thy pleasure:
Then seeme not too daintie,
but iudge this with measure.

A view of Examples, meete *to be peruſed of all faythfull* Chriſtians.

Iob. 14.

Man that is borne of a Woman hath but a ſhort tyme to lyue, and is full of miſerie, he commeth vp, and is cut downe like a flower, he flyeth as it were a ſhadowe.



Hereas we ſee (by perfect experience) that man is ſubiecte to many miſfortunes, multitudes of myſeries, yea, many and ſundrie miſchaunces, ſo that in this terreſtriall vale of myſerie, he beeing ſo fiercely aſſaulted by the miſcheuous motions, and ſharpe aſſaultes of his olde and auncient enimie: no ſuccour is lefte him, nor no comfort to cure him, but onely in heart and minde to flye to his ſweete Sauiour and redeemer Jeſus Chriſte, to annimate him with continuall conſtancie, to vpholde him by his grace and mercie, and to arme him bodily with pure and ſincere fayth, which is able to confound all his vſurping enimies. For fayth is the victorie of this world, as wytneſſeth *Iohn* ſaying. And this is the victorie that ouercommeth the world, euen our fayth: vvho is it that ouercommeth the world; but he which beleeueth that Ieſus

Man ſubiect to many and ſundry miſeries.

His only hope in Chriſt Jeſus, which cõfoundeth all his foes

1. Ioh. 5. 4. 5.

Faith the oncly weapon to vanquishe al the cares and troubles of this world.

Christe is the sonne of God. Then since our fayth is the onelie weapon, wherewith we many wholy vanquish and subdue, all the ennoymities of this lyfe, all the troubles, verations, temptations, illusions, and all enemies whatsoeuer: let vs imbolden our selues vppon our Captaine Christe, let vs cast all our care on him: and he wyll goe to fælde with vs, he wyll shælde vs from our enimies, his mightie arme shall so dyrect vs: that all our foes shall runne on theyr owne confusion. It is God that gyrdeth vs vvith strength of vvarre, and maketh our vvayes perfect

Psa.18.32.

Then mortall man, neuer boast so much of thy terrestriall strength, which is but a shadowe: But cast vp thine eyes to heauen, from vvhence commeth thy helpe: The helpe that is alway forceable, and wyll strike all thy enimies downe to the ground.

Psa.121.1.

The world bent to all kinde of wickednes.

Beholde, howe the world is guen to wickednesse, for one disdayneth that his neyghbour should thriue by him, another coueteth his neyghbours goodes vniustly, some one is bent to this vice, some to that. Some care not so they lyue in theyr iollitie and pleasure: who goeth to wracke, whome they murder, whome they spoyle, the proofe whereof is euident.

Example of George Browne, who murthered maister George Saunders.

NOt long since, one George Browne, a man of stature goodly and excellent: if lyfe and deedes thereto had beene equiualent. But as the auncient Adage is, goodly is he that goodly doth, and comely is he that behaueth him selfe comely: so may it be witnessed in this man, who more respected a vaine pride and prodigall pleasure, which remayned in his person: then the commen-

commendation and good report that followeth a godlie and vertuous life.

But nowe a dayes, euerie couragious cutter, euerie Sim swashbuckler, and euerie desperate Dick, that can stand to his tackling lustely, and behaue him selfe so quarrelously, that he is ashamed of all good and honest company: He is a gallant fellowe, a goodly man of his handes, and one I promise you, that as soone comes to Tyborne, as euer a one of them all. This is a vaine-glorious vertue (which some terme it) but it can be called no vertue, because it dependeth not vppon any goodnesse.

A view to vaine vaunters.

A fellow worthy of commendation.

This George Browne (before named) addicted to the voluptuousnesse of this vaine world, to vnlawfull lyking, to runne at his lybertie in all kinde of lewde behauiour, murdred cruelly maister George Saunders, an honest, vertuous, and godly Cittizen, well knowne, of good name and fame, among his neyghbours well thought of, abroade and euery where, well estéemed, of wealth well stored, of credit well allowed, of lyuing Christianly disposed: and of those that knewe him, well beloued.

A report of maister Saunders.

This man béeing mette by this George Browne (who by the consent of maister Saunders wife, was appoynted to kyll him) after he perceyued what was his intent, and howe he sought to bathe his handes in his guyltles blood: fell to entreataunce, that pittie might take place in his bloody brest.

George Browne méeting him by S. Mary Cray.

But he a wretch, more desirous of his death: then wylling to his welfare, more mindfull of murther: then sauegard of his soule, so bent to blindnesse: that he aspected not the light: stroke the stroke that returned his shame, dyd the déede that droue him to destiny, and fulfilled the fact, that in the end he found folly.

His diuelish intent & peruerse practises.

O minde most monstrous, O heart most hard, O in-

A hard heart that

could dw so cruell a deede.

tent so yrksome, whome neyther preferment might perswade, ryches moue to regard, affection cause to respect, former frendship force to fancie, nor no vertue of the minde seeme to satisfie. Where was the bonds of loyaltie? where was the regard of honestie? where was

All feare of God cleane layd a side.

the feare of the Almightie? where was the care of Christianitie? or where was the hope of eternall felicitie? and last, where was thy duty to God, thy Prince and Countrey? Alas, each of these seemed cleane vanquished in thee, they were smally regarded, yea, lyttle or none accoumpt made of. It is yet euidently seene in that common crew, that giue themselues to boasting and bravery, to swearing, fighting, quarrelling, and all such diuellish practises, but what sayth *Esai*. Shall the Axe boast

Esai.10.15. it self against him that heweth therwith: or shall the Sawe make any bragging against him that ruleth it. That were euen lyke, as if the rod did exalt it self against him that beareth it, or as though the staffe should magnify it self (as who should say) it were no wood.

Pro.17.1. And *Salomon* sayth. Make not thy boast of to morowe, for thou knowest not what a day may bring foorth.

The Prophet *Dauid* lykewise sayth. Howe long shall

Psa.xc4.5.6 all wicked dooers speake so disdaynfully, and make such proude boasting. They smite downe thy people, O Lord, and trouble thine heritage. They murder the vviddow and the Straunger, and put the fatherlesse to death.

With many places more, that I might alleadge of the Scripture, of such as brag in their bravery: and boast in their owne strength. But this example passed, may

Through the lewde life of one man, six lost theyr lyues.

seeme somewhat to terrifie our stony hearts, to consider, through the misbehauiour of one man: six lost theyr lyues, as it is euidently knowen to all men, for in Smithfeeld they payed the price of their lyues, for consenting to that odious fact.

It shall not be amisse in this place, to call to minde the wylfull periurie of certayne persons, whose wicked lyues, at their death were perfectly wytnessed. Examples of periury.

❧Example of widdowe Barnes, in Cornhyll in London. 1574.

LEt vs remember the widdow Barnes, beeing an auncient Woman, and dwelling in Cornhyll in London, who frequented much swearing, & neither frendly rebuking, godly instructions, nor diuine perswasions could turne her heart from this wicked and detestable exercise, but thereby laboured to defeat an Orphant of her right: the Diuell who vrged her to such cruell abuse, caused her to cast her selfe out at her window into the streete, and there brake her neck. She threw her self into the streete, and brake her neck.

¶Example of Arthur Myller, at Hackney, in. 1573.

ONe Arthur Miller, lykewise dwelling at Hackney, a very lewde talker, a common blasphemer & swearer, in the tyme of his sickneſſe, casting all Christianlike care from him, and all feare of God and his Lawes: vehemently cryed out, the Diuell, the Diuell, yet felt he the omnipotency of Gods power, as himself confessed: but for grace he could not pray, the cause whereof was knowen to him self, but he would not vtter it to any. And so kissing oftentymes his hand, wherein he sayd he held the Diuell, and calling only for helpe to the Diuell: this wretched lyfe he ended most miserably.

¶Example of one Berry, who cut his owne throate in the Counter in the Poultry. 1575.

IN the Counter in the Poultry in London, also there was one Berry, who in some one cause had wilfully

periured him selfe, and béeing brought therefore to the prison, to sustayne what punishment thereto was due: he despayring of Gods mercie, and giuing him selfe to the Diuells temptations, cruellie cut his owne throte.

☙ Example of Anne Aueries, that bought the Towe. 1575. Febru. 11.

ANne Aueries, likewise a widdowe, who dwelled in Duck Lane without Aldersgate, comming to the house of one Richard Williamson in Woodstréete, whose Wife vsed to dresse Flax and Towe, she toke vp there sixe pound of Towe, and departed without paying therefore, when she was required eyther to send the Towe againe, or to pay money therfore: by and by she rapt out two or thrée terrible oathes, that she had payd for it, and béeing come back to the shoppe, she desired vengeance at Gods handes, that she might presently sinck where she stode, if she payde not the money before she went out of the shoppe. Gods iudgement so iust, séeing her vniust dealing, presently accorded therunto, and before the face of all the standers by, she was immediatly stroke to the earth, not able to rise without help, nor yet to blaspheme the name of God as she had done, but holding out her left hand, wherein she held thirtéene pence, which she should before haue payed for the Towe withall, and her mouth béeing put to such a vyle office, that from thence issued that which should haue discended at the lower partes. So was she caried from thence, where she was fayne to lye in a stynking Stable, and few dayes after yéelded her life.

Gods iust iudgement fell on this wicked person.

A notable & straunge example to terrify all wicked and cruell blasphemers.

¶ Example of Father Lea. 1577.

FAther Lea, a man almost of foure score yéeres, in Foster Lane in London, méeting with the party, against whome

whome he had periured him selfe: held vp his hands, desiring him to forgiue him, for that he had falsly forsworn himself against him. The man replyed, that the offence against him might be easily forgiuen: but the offence against God was ten tymes more. So after in a whyle, this Father Lea, with a rusty knife, rypped his owne belly, and griped his guts with his owne handes, and so ended his life the. xvi. of Ianuary, 1577. He rypped his owne belly.

LDe deere Christians, what examples we can fetch of our selues, what neede we to loke after other Countryes? these we know to be true, and we cannot deny it: but alas, how long shall we remaine in this wickednes, when we heare God himself say.

If a soule sinne and trespasse against the Lord, and deny vnto his neighbour, that which was taken him to keepe, Leuit. 6. 2.
or that was put in his handes, or dooth violent robbery, or wrong vnto his neighbour.

Or if he haue found that which was lost, and denieth it, 3.
and sweareth falsely vpon whatsoeuer thing it be that a man dooth, and sinneth therin.

If he so sinned and trespassed: he shall restore again that 4.
he tooke violently away, or the wrong which he did, or that which was deliuered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found.

And all that about which he hath sworne falsely: he shal 5.
restore it againe in the whole sum, and shall adde the fift part more therto, and giue it vnto him, to whome it apertayneth, the same day that he offreth for his trespasse.

Thou shalt not sweare by my name falsely, neither shalt Leui. 19. 12.
thou defile the name of thy God: I am the Lord.

The wise and famous Salomon, lyke wise sayth. Let Eccl. 29. 9.
not thy mouth be accustomed with swearing, for in it are many falles, let not the naming of God be continually in thy mouth.

For like as a seruaunt that is much beaten, can not be 10.
without some sore: euen so, whatsoeuer he be that swea-

reth

reth and nameth God, shall not be cleane purged from sinne.

11. A man that vseth much swearing, shalbe filled with wickednes, and the plague shal neuer go from his house, if he beguyle his brother: his faulte shalbe vpon him, if he knowledge not his sinne: he maketh a double offence, and if he sweare in vaine: he shall not be found righteous, for his house shalbe full of plagues.

12. The words of the swearer bringeth death (God graunt that it be not found in the house of *Iacob*) but they that feare God, will eschew all such, and lye not weltring in sin.

13. Vse not thy mouth to vnhoneſt and filthy talking: for in it is the word of sinne.

15. The man that is accustomed with the wordes of blasphemy: wyl neuer be reformed all the dayes of his lyfe.

Zach.5.2. *Zacharias* the Prophet also sayth. Behold a flying book, of twenty cubits long, and ten cubits broade.

3. This is the curse that goeth forth ouer the vvhole earth, for all theeues shalbe iudged according to this book.

4. And I will bring it foorth (sayth the Lord of hostes) so that it shall enter into the house of the theefe, and into the house of him that falsly sweareth by my name, and shal remayne in the middest of his house, and consume it, with the tymber and stones therof.

Leui.24.15. And further lyst what God sayth. And thou shalt speak vnto the chyldren of Israel, saying. Who soeuer curseth his God: shall beare his sinne.

16. And he that blasphemeth the name of the Lord: let him be slayne, and all the multitude shall stone him to death: vvhether he be borne in the Land, or a Straunger, vvhen he blasphemeth the name of the Lord, let him be slayne.

Thus deerely beloued, are we warned by the sacred Scripture, to take heede and to be circumspect in our dealyngs, not for euerie trysling thing, to rappe out oathes, for therein we hyghlie offend the Maiestie of God.

Example

An Example of Paule Green that slevv Maister Temple.

NOw wil I return to my former matter again as touching murder, which is a hainous and abhominable offence in the sight of God and man. I must not forget the committed crime of Paule Green who desperatly slew Maister Thomas Temple nær to the Royall exchaunge in London, the which Maister Temple was a sober, wise and discrēt Gentleman, one of godly liuing, and taking a house to saue him self from the vnsatiable malice of this Paul Greē, could not so appease his ire, for he thrust ouer the stall at him, & at length gaue him that hée long loked for. But what became therof? hée for his paines condemned by law and iustice: ended his desperat dayes at Tiburn.

Hee returneth to his former matter.

Paul Green hanged at Tiburn.

Example of the two Sheriffes that hung themselues at Glocester, 1579.

IT is commonly reported and is in euery mans mouth, how this last yére at Glocester two men in yéers ancient, supposed to be very godly liuers and were called to the bearing authoritie in the Citie, as to wit, bothe of them hath béen Sheriffes, yet for want of firme & faithful trust in God, they bothe hanged them selues.

Example of Iohn Morgan vvho slevv Maister Turberuile in Somerset shire. 1580.

LIkewise in Sommersetshire, one Iohn Morgan by common reporte a lewd and wicked liuer, and giuen to swearing, roysting, and all wickednes abounding in him, slew his Brother in law Maister Turberuile a Gentlemã of godly life, very sober, wise and discréet, whose wife lying in Childebed, yet arose and went to haue law and iustice pronounced on that cruel malefactor. So at Chard before the Lord chéef Iustice, hée was condemned and suffered death for his offence. 1580.

Example of Richard Tod tha murdered Mistresse Skinner at Saint Katherins. 1580.

THen let vs rehearse the blody parte of Richard Tod who murdered and cruelly massacred an auncient and honest woman dwelling at Saint Katherins named Mistres Skinner, a woman of godly dispositiõ of life inferiour to few, for frendly neighbourhod beloued of all, in yéeres wel passed, of credit wel accounted, & of mony and riches sufficiently instored, to whome this blody Butcher, came with his entrenching knife and for the minde hée bare to her money, more then good will to her welth: caused her to forsake this earthly life.

Hee first led to the place thẽbrought back and executed at Tibourn.

Hée béeing apprehended for the same, condemned by the law, and adiudged to dye: was led to the place where he committed this murderous offence, the which béeing found not so conuenient: was reducted back, and in the after none was executed at Tibourn the xxix. of March.

Example of Marmeduke Glouer vvho slevv Sergeant Grace. 1580.

And

AND should I séem to be oblitious of the great and grieuous offence of Marmeduke Glouer, who béeing arrested by Sergeant Grace: drew out his weapon, and there presently murdered him: nay sure his crime is to be accounted, a moste vile and hainous offence, in that hée resisted wherof duty he should haue obeyed, and more better had it béen for him, for then had he saued bothe his life and his owne. But following his owne will and cruel intent: made her become a widowe, who might els haue liued longer in ioy with her mate & husband. So likewise (as blod requireth blod) hée was executed in publique view in Cheapside on a Gibbit the xxviij. of March. 1580.

Glouer executed in Cheapside.

Example of a Maid that buried her Childe quick.

A Maid also, who had abused her body with vnchaste liuing, and béeing deliuered of a swéet and tender Infant, casting all motherly and naturall affection from her: buryed the same aliue. What harded hart had shée, to play so vile a parte to the frute of her owne body: alas it causeth to relent eche Christian hart that heareth therof. First to consider how wickedly shée violated the commaundements of our God, wheras by his owne mouth hée hath pronounced. Thou shalt not commit Adultrie. Then what wicked Wretches are wée, which abuse our bodies with voluptuous pleasures, with carnall delights, with wicked inuentions, and with sin out of measure, yet not contented therwith, but to dispoyle ỹ frute of our owne bodyes, to hide our sin to the world: to run hedlong

Exod. 20.

to the Deuil, yet can wée not so hide our sinne, but God seeth it, and no wilful murther wil hée suffer vnreuealed, though wée collour it for a time, though wee think it clean out of remembrance, and that the brunt is gon and past: yet wil hée cause the very fowles of the Aire to bewray it, our owne Consciences shall cause vs open it, our lookes wil bewray vs, our déeds wil deceiue vs, so that wée shall néed no more euidences then our owne selues.

God wil not suffer wilful murder to be conceled

Acts. 15. 20. *(Saint Paule saith) vvee vvrite vnto them that they abstaine them selues from fornication, euery sinne that a man dooth, is vvithout his body: but hee that committeth fornication: sinneth against his ovvne body: Let euery Christian be mindefull,* 1. Cor. 6. 18. *that his body is the Temple of the Lord, and ought not to be defiled, but be kept pure and holy, euen that our bodies may be a quick sacrifice to GOD.*

An Example of the Gentlevvoman that kild her maid at S. Giles in the feeld.

AT Saint Giles in the féeld also, dwelt a Gentle woman named Mistres Amy Harison (alias) Midleton, who was a very wicked liuer, an vniust dealer, a bewrayer of fortunes, and one who was wholely inclined to vice abandoning vertue. This womã had a godchilde of hers in the house wt her, whom shée kept to do such necessary busines about the house as was commaunded her by her Mistres, or as her yéersmight sufficiently reach vnto, but sometime was constrained to more, so that oftẽ her vnhabilitie caused her to be whipt, beaten, tirãnically

nically tormented, and very Iewishly intreated, sometime with big cudgels, sometime with a girth, so that from the crown of the hed, to the soles of the fæt, was left no member vnmartired. At length the Girle dyed by such excesse of correction, and ther-fore suffered death against her owne house, for an example to all Mistresses and Dames, how they misuse their Seruants in such vnmerciful mäner. A woman void of all reason.

These Examples witnessed apparant in our eyes may warne vs how wæ lead such carcles liues, for feare of displeasing the Almightie, to hasten his anger vpon vs and so vtterly to reiect vs.

Examples of blasing Starres, and other Accidents.

WE haue had manyfolde motions, sundrye signes, yea & exceeding examples of his wrath, and displeasure, by commets and blasing starz as lately hath bëen seen ouer this Citie of London, as also great flames and flashing of fire issuing out of the North parts in the Element.

Likewise two great Tides in one houre contrary to Nature. Besides this there hath bëen seen straunge Flyes, which on their wings bare the example of Gods iustice. two great Tides

straunge Flyes.

Example of the Childe in Gelderland.

AND furthermore what monsterous shapes: what straunge birthe: and what alteration of Nature haue wee seen: In Gelderland, a Childe borne, of proportion very ougly with a long bil and the belly like a Swan, fæt with clawes, and

as ſoone as it was borne ran vnder the bed.

Example of the Childe in Italy.

In Italy alſo, of an anciẽt woman was borne a deformed Creature, the which ſpake many words, as the booke in print doth witnes, which was printed by Thomas Eaſt.

Example of the Childe in Dutchland at Lutſolof.

Likewiſe at Lutſolof in Dutchland was a ſtraunge and monſterous Childe borne, which in one hãd had a rod, in the other a ſword, which demaũded if the warres of men were not as yet fully finiſhed, and cryed to make peace, and that the time ſhould come that one ſhould ſay to an other. Oh Brother why art thou not dead? with other words moſte ſtraunge as the printed booke doth witnes.

The other Childe with two heds.

Alſo with the ſame Childe there was an other, who had two heds, the one ſide of the body all black and wept abundantly, bothe borne of one woman, the Fathers name Baltus Maler, and the Mother Katherin Peeters.

A Childe borne at Mancheſter

Then look heer into England, at Mancheſter, a Childe borne without euer a hed, yet ſoone after was the Mother deliuered of a goodly and ſweet Infant.

A Childe borne at Aberwick in North.

At Aberwick alſo in Norththumberland, a Child was borne hauing two heds in perfect proportion, and the eares like a horſſe.

Monſtero⁹ Childe now in London.

At this preſent in London is to be ſeen a Man childe very monſtero⁹, all theſe are examples now of late dayes.

Example at Praga in Bohemia.

We hear alſo of the fearful tempeſt that was at Praga in Bohemia, wheras on the twentie fiue

of

of January. 1579. at two of the clock in the after none that the people durst not shew themselues in the streets. Three steeples of Churches were blowen down, bruising about nineteen houses, and six persons slain therby. At euening again there was a maruelous thunder wherin fel hail stones ỹ that weighed the quantity of 3. quarters of a pound, and therafter fel such an earthquake, during for the space of half an hower that the houses did shake very wunderfully. Example of an Earthquake.

At twelue a clock at night was perfectly viewed a black cloude wherin were plainly escried a mans two armes and hands naturally, the right hand holding a sword, the other a bowle which poured forth blod, therby was perceiued a peece of ground with corne standing theron, and therby lay a sickle and a great voice heard but nothing seen, which said. Wo wo to the Earth, and to the Inhabitants therof, for hee commeth that is to come, and all People shall see him. This voice caused great terror through al the town, that the Infants shriked sucking at their Mothers breests, and women were then deliuered of Children. Signes in the Element. An other Signe. A voice heard but nothing seē. Great feare through all the Citie.

A Woman of lix. yeers deliuered of three Children.

Aboue the rest, a Woman of lix. yéres olde, named Margaret, her husband called Iohn Bobroth the Clark of the Town. This woman for the space of xxv. weeks was diseased and no help could be had, but through this present accident shee was deliuered of three Children, their mouthes replenished

A Woman of lix. yeers deliuered of Children

replenished with teeth as Children of three yeeres olde, the first borne spake saying.

The day appointed vvhich no man can shun.

the woords of the first, the second and the third.

The second said. *VVhere shall vvee finde liuing to bury the dead?*

The third said. *VVhere shall vvefinde corne to satisfie the hungrie?*

Example of one in VVorcestershire vvho slevv his Brother and buryed him vnder the hearth of his Chimney,

He returneth to murder.

I Am sure that it is not yet out of remembraunce, nor men are not so forgetful to let slip so soone ỹ murder committed in Worcester, where as one vnnaturally killed his owne Brother, and when hee had don, to couer his fact withall, buried the dead corps vnder the hearth of his chimney, a moste monsterous and blody parte, far passing the committed offence of Cain who slew his Brother Abel.

Example of Thomas Hil at Feuersam, vvho kild his ovvne Mother.

AT Feuersam there dwelled one Thomas Hil, who in the house wᵭ him had his owne Mother an olde woman, whome hee regarded but very small, & vsed her like an vngrateful Childe which made her to seek meanes to departe thence, and to goe to her other Sonne who dwelled at Canterbury, which when hee perceiued: thought to deceat her of her purpose, & one night in her bed murdered

dered her, sending word to his brother that she was dead, and so buried her before he came. This man being one who loued her dearly, & come to his brothers, his hart throbbed, and desired for to satisfie his minde that the dead corps might be taken vp, when it was taken vp, they saw nothing wherof shée dyed, neither her flesh abated with sickness nor any sore wherby they should say it was the plague. The dead corps take vp and serched/ and he brought before it/ it presently bled.

So this Murderer was brought before her, and presently in the sight of all the standers by, it bled bothe at the nose and at the mouth, wherupon hee was accused, and hée did presently confesse it.

Then was hée presently sent to Prison, wherin hée dispairing of Gods mercy, and giuing him self wholely to the Deuils temptations: with v points of his hose hung him self on an olde hedlesse naile in the Prison. He hung vi self with v. points.

Example of Quernby who kild his Mother.

WEe haue to remember how Edward Quernbie in Nottingham shire playd the like butcherly parte, for hée for the goodwil hée had to his Mothers riches cruelly & vnnaturally murdered her.

Margaret Dorington who killed Alice Fox.

LIkewise at Westminster how Margaret Dorington a woman of a wicked and naughty life murdered Alice Fox thrusting a knife vp vnder her clothes, wherfore shée suffered death not long after.

Example of one hanged in chaines at miles end.

THere was one also who in the gardens at miles end had murdered a man, who therfore suffered death there, and was afterward hãged vp in chains.

Example of the VVoman that kild her 2. Children.

AT Kilborne also néer London there was a woman who with a péce of a billet brayned her two Children, the summe wherof is at large described in a book imprinted. The Woman dyed in Newgate.

The murder of Abel Bourn Hosier beeing found by the brick killes, slain the xv. of April last.

A Virginal maker that cãe to look Rauens quils found the mã slain

A Man whose facultie in profession is a maker of Virginalls going to the Brick kiles at the ỹ vpper end of Golding lane to séek Rauẽs fethers, which hé putteth to some vse in his handy craft: by chaunce espyed there lying in a déep trench or gutter, a man murdered, which when hé saw fearing least some suspition should be taken of him: went & bewrayed it presently. So the Constable with other men wel appointed there watched ỹ dead corps all that night. On the next day (béeing Saturday) among the egresse and regresse of people that came to sée him: were many that were wel acquainted wt him, as a yung woman to whome hé should haue béen maryed the Tuesday following, his kinsman, his Apprentice and other toward the euening.

The Coroner came thither and impaneled a quest of inquiry.

When the Coroner had paneled his inquest of inquiry, to serch and séek ỹ causes of this mans death whether

whether hée murdered him self wilfully, or slain by some chaunce, orels murdered by mér vilany.

There came before him thrée that gaue euidence the one his Apprentise, the other a very frend of his dwelling in Bridewel, and the third one Sadler that dwelleth in Theames strét

Three Euidences that were prest there.

The Coroner willing to finde out this matter so suddainly chaunced: desired them to say what they could of the matter.

First (quoth hée) who dwelled in Bridewel named Danis my frend Abel Bourn that is slain was acquainted with one Hodgesses wife, whose husbād dwelled at the end of Saint Nicholas shambles, a Hoster by occupation, now lying in the hole in the Counter in Woodstrét, a very naughty woman in liuing, whose company hée vnhonestly vsed, both in his prentiship, and til the time that hée was slain the more to his greater grét, hauing thus long vsed her company, and now drawing to honest liuing to match him self with an honest Maiden, wh ich he should haue don on Tuesday next, at Christmas last gaue to this Hogges wife ten Angels to leaue his company and not to frequent him any more, but neuertheless shée did stil, (saying thus) thou wilt now be maried wilt thou: yea answered this Abel Bourn, I mean so God willing. Wilt ÿ so indéed: truely shée that maryeth thée shall haue but little ioy of thée, for lok in what estate I haue had thée all this while: so wil I haue thée stil, for I wil haue thy purse and body at my commaundement and plesure. Abel hearing this, on the Sunday before hée was slain, hée went to a Tailers where certain apparel of this Hodges wife was at making, and brought it away with hum, comming to her where

Danis first telleth what hee knoweth of the matter.

Hodggesse wifes woords and Abels.

Abel fetcheth from the Tailers her apparel.

shée lay in the same morning, bidding her to come and fetch her apparel, and so shée went with him, and hée entring into a house with her, caused the Constable to serue a warrant on her, and so sent her to Bridewel, where shée said, if euer I come forth again: I wil haue him hewed as small as flesh to the pot, this hée said to this Dauis, euen as hée tolde before the quest.

Hodgesse his wife set to Bridewel.

her woords in Bridewel.

Then Sadler hée began and said, Abel Bourne, thus tolde mée, that hée walking by the mount at ỹ vpper end of Aldersgatestréet was met by one who said vnto him, if thou séeme to vse Hodges wife in this order and do not set her free, the next time I méet thée I wil kil thée. This hée tolde him euen as hée said before the quest.

Sadler saith what he knowes.

One met Abel at the mount and threatned him.

While they were thus in talking, at last came a Woman by, who was suspected of the matter, and information giuen to the Coroner presently sent after her to bring her back again, shée hauing taken a garden, and they fain to climbe ouer the pale, so at the last brought her out and led her to the Coroner, her wench béeing by said, I tolde my Dame of this before, that shée should beware, so the wench was taken also.

Cranes wife comming by suspected, she entred into a Garden.

Her wenches woords.

When shée was come before the Coroner hée examined her if shée knew the said Abel, shée answered that shée knew him wel, and shée saw him not since Tuesday, on which day there was a fray in ỹ fields and shée ran to sée it, where shée chaunced to se Abel with sword and dagger vnder his arme, shée demaunded of him why hée went so weaponed, hée answered that hée was threatned to be slain, (quoth shée) then you were best to kéep your house and not to go so abrode. At the length hée went home with her

Shee saw Abel in the feeld on Sunday.

Abel goes to her house with her.

her to her house which was in Toys rents, & there hée poured out on the table about thirtie pound in golde, and at last sent for a pot of bèer and dranke wt her, but hée had no great lust to drink, and so shée said hée went his way.

Then afterward they led her to sée the Corps, of the dead man, where shée séemed to be very sorowful for his death in their sight. But her house bèeing serched, there was found what I knowe not, & the wench saith that shée fecht a great deale of water and washt the rushes, and so strawed fresh rushes on them. So shée and her husband and other more is in Newgate, and on wednesday after they were brought to Finsbury, & there was one Wood examined, bèeing greatly suspected of the matter, & as it is iudged he wil be found to be doer of the dèed, for the same day as ỳ man is said to be slain: hée can make no direct answere how hée spent that day, nor where hée lay that night, for the Coroner demaunded of him what hée professed, and hée answered ỳ hée had a trade a thing wherby hée liued. What is that (quoth the Coroner?) Sir (quoth hée) I am a Seruingman and I professe to be a Faulkconer, I ment to go ouersea now to buy hawkes for diuers Gentlemen, whome do you serue quoth the Coroner? I did serue such a one (quoth hée) at Christmas last, my Father is wel knowen to be an honest mã, hée dwelleth hèrby at Newington green So to diuers questions that were put vnto him hée answered very euil fauouredly, and was sent to prison again til wednesday next. Thus haue you heard as much as yet may be gathered, when I vnderstãd more, I wil make you partakers therof (God willing) I pray God trueth may come to light.

One Wood examined at Finsbury.

Wood answereth the Coroner of what trade hee was.

¶ The manner howw the said Abel Bourne wwas foundslain, in a trench by the Brick killes.

THis man thus cruelly murdered, had his owne cloke lying vnder him, straight was hée laid vpon his back, the one of his legges straight out the other bending vp a little, bare headed, in a lether Jerkin, his hole & doublet, his owne dagger thrust through his left iaw, comming out at the crown of his hed, six other wounds beside, all in his neck, the very least of them his mortall wound. And in this order was hée there found.

¶ Example of the Earthquake at London the 6. of April.

LAtly call to minde the grëuous and suddain Earthquake hapning hëer in London, the 6. of April, at 6. of the clock at night, which caused such a mazement through the whole Citie: that it is wunderful to be tolde.

¶ The great Bel of Westminster tolled of it self, Whitehall clock: the Gentlemen of the Temple cãe running forth with their knives in their hands bëing then at supper, a pëece of the Temple Church fel down, Stones fel of from Paules Church, and at Christes Church in the Sermon while, a stone fel & and brayned Thomas Gray Apprentise to one Iohn Spurling Shoomaker dwelling without Aldersgate, an other stone also stroke Mabel Euerite his fellow seruãt in ỹ same house, & she lined foure daies after and

and then dyed. Diuers Chimnies in the Citie, parte of them fel down. At the play houses the people cãe running forth sapprised with great astonishment.

¶ A pẽce of Sutton Church in Kent fel down, the Earthquake bẽing there in those partes heard and felt thrée seuerall times. A pẽce of Douer Castel fel down, and parte of the Castel wall fel into the sea.

The Ships quaked and trembled as the houses on the drye land, and the waters were greatly out of temper. Out of England it was also felt, at Callis also it was so vehement that parte of the Staple house fel down, & likewise some of the law or town house was ouerthrowen.

These Examples are for our sins.

In Brabant, as Antwerp, Zeland, Middleborough Flushing, S. Thomas in Artoys, Deep, Flaunders, Dunkerk, Barborough, Graueling, Bridges, & Gaũt, it was felt also very forcible. No dout dẽr Brethe-ren this was a token of the indignation of our God against our wicked liuing, wherin so highly wée offend his diuine Maiestie. Let vs remember thrée of the faireſt Cities in Asia sunk for sinne.

Constantinople had a tweluemõthes earthquake.

Many places for sinne haue bẽn grieuously punished, as Sodom and Gomorra, Ieruſalem, Niniuie, and many other places. Let vs remember that it shalbe better for Corazaine & Bethzaida at the dredful day of Iudgement then for Tire and Sidon.

Mathew. 11. 21.

Let vs lift vp our harts chẽrfully vnto God our saluation, be sory for our former offences, & from the very bottõe of our harts inwardly lament thẽ.

Let vs turn to the Father of all mercy saying.

Luke. xv.

O Father wee haue sinned against heauẽ & against thee, we are no more woorthy to be called thy Children. So wil the Lord of his fatherly mercy forgiue our sinnes, and make vs partakers of his kingdome which God graunt vs for his sonnes sake. Amen.

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